



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new half-term. We hope you all had a lovely half-term break.

Thank you

Thank you for encouraging the children to share their Autumn hanging mobiles and Treasure Boxes. They have taken great delight in sharing what they made with everyone else and it has helped us to learn more about what is special to them at home.

Hilary

Thank you to everyone who very kindly made a contribution to Hilary's leaving gift. We are delighted to say we managed to buy her a 2-day break away somewhere and a garden voucher. Hilary was thrilled with and very grateful for her unexpected gifts.

Changing Interests

Please keep us updated if and when your child's interests develop or change so we can continue to incorporate them into our learning activities.

Photographs

As you know, a photographer visited us last Thursday. Photographs will be forwarded to Tiddlywinks within the next two weeks and will be sent out to you as soon as possible thereafter.

Keeping us up to date

In the interests of your child's wellbeing, please do remember to tell a member of staff on arrival if they are feeling very tired, have not slept well or have had a busy weekend or evening, as this can have a knock-on effect on their learning. You can also email us at officetiddlywinks@gmail.com from 8.00am, or call us on 07483 175232 from 8.30am.

Contacting us

Please be aware that generally, we can only check the office email address up until 8.45am each morning before a session starts, and then generally not until a session has ended at 3.00pm. We may only occasionally have the opportunity to check emails over the lunch period, so if you need to contact us urgently it is best to do so by calling the Pre-School mobile number.

Any information you wish to share by email specifically about your child should be sent to officetiddlywinks@gmail.com

Outside Accidents

If your child has an accident at home or on the way to Tiddlywinks, please let a member of staff know on arrival. You will be asked to complete and sign an Outside Accident Form so we have a record of any pre-existing injuries, grazes, scrapes or bruises.

If your child has an accident in the setting whilst in our care, a member of staff will speak to you in confidence and away from other parents when you come to collect your child. You will be asked to sign a form to confirm that you have been notified of the accident.

Voucher Payments

We accept voucher payments and Tax-Free childcare payments through the Government Scheme as means of payment for Pre-School fees. If you intend to pay via a voucher scheme, please set up your scheme in good time and ensure you allow sufficient time for the vouchers to clear in our account to avoid incurring a 10% late payment charge. Some voucher payments can take 3-5 days or longer to clear.

30-Hour Funding Eligibility Deadlines

Please remember that the three-monthly deadlines for applying for 30 hours of funded childcare are as follows:

<u>Funding Period</u>	<u>Application must be made by:</u>	<u>For payment from:</u>
Autumn Term (Sept - Dec)	31 st August	1 st September
Spring Term (Jan - Mar)	31 st December	1 st January
Summer Term (April - Aug)	31 st March	1 st April

You can find a full step-by-step guide to the 30-hour extended entitlement at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Reminders

PLEASE remember to send your child in with a named waterproof and warm coat/all-in-one, hats and scarves now that the weather has turned colder. We encourage the children to learn in our outside area in all weathers, so appropriate clothing is essential.

PLEASE remember to send in a full spare set of clothes (labelled) and a spare carrier bag in a named bag for your child to keep on their peg. Any wet/dirty/soiled clothes will be sent home in the carrier bag supplied.

PLEASE remember to contact us before 9.30am if your child is unwell and will not be attending their regular session. Please do not bring your child to Pre-School if they have a temperature, infection, diarrhoea or sickness. In the case of diarrhoea or sickness, they should not return to Pre-School until 48 hours after their last episode.

Find us on Facebook

Please do follow our page on Facebook. We use it to advertise events, share important information and request help. Simply search Tiddlywinks Pre-School and you will find the page easily.

Easy fundraising

Help Tiddlywinks raise valuable extra funds while you do your daily shopping, at no extra cost!

easyfundraising.org is the UK's biggest charity shopping site and is partnered with over 7,000 retailers and brands which donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause.

To date we have raised over £330.00 through easyfundraising.org and we thank all parents and carers who have supported us this way.

For those new to it, it couldn't be simpler. Simply visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> or load the App, select Tiddlywinks Pre-School, Stretham as your cause (from the Cause Directory) and carry on with your daily shopping. It's FREE to register and costs you nothing extra and Tiddlywinks receives a donation each time you shop.



Diary Dates

Sat 25 th November	School Christmas Market
Wed 29 th & Thurs 30 th November	Parent Consultations
Mon 11 th December	Annual General Meeting
Fri 15 th December	End of Term
Mon 8 th January	Start of Term